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MAIN FEATURES

- The estimated labour force participation rate for persons aged 20-24 years fell to 80.5 per cent in May 1982, the lowest rate for this age group since November 1979.
- In May 1982 the estimated number of employed females aged 35 and over was 93,900, an increase of 5,300 on the May 1981 level, but down from the record level of 95,700 recorded for March 1982. The increase of 5,300 includes 3,000 in part-time employment.
- The estimated unemployment rate for males in the Adelaide Statistical Division fell from 8.2 per cent in May 1981 to 7.1 per cent in May 1982, the lowest rate since March 1981.
- Females born outside Australia had an unemployment rate of 10.9 per cent for May 1982, compared with 8.2 per cent for May 1981. This represents an increase of 1,500 in the number of unemployed females in this group.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This bulletin contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the labour force survey part of the population survey, which is now conducted monthly. Until February 1978, surveys were conducted in February, May, August and November each year.

2. Although emphasis in the labour force survey is placed on the regular collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics of the population, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. Statistics from these surveys are published and are available on request. A list of publications on labour force and related topics is given in The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0).

THE POPULATION SURVEY

3. The population survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 5,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about one per cent of the population of South Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are

generally conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week). Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays the December 1978 and 1979 surveys commenced a week earlier than usual (with most interviews being conducted during the second week) and the January 1979 and 1980 surveys commenced a week later than usual.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

4. The labour force survey includes all persons aged 15 and over except:

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces;
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (c) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; and
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

DEFINITIONS

5. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

6. Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 and over who, during the survey week:

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helpers); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employ-

ment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or

- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

7. Unemployed persons are those aged 15 and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and:

(i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or

(ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then;

or (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

8. Actively looking for work includes writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or Commonwealth Employment Service noticeboards; being registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service; checking or registering with any other employment agency, advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives. In November 1981 a number of minor amendments were made to the labour force survey questionnaire. (For details see the Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey, December 1981 (6232.0)). The amendments included a re-ordering and some rewording of the categories of steps taken to find work.

9. The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

10. Duration of unemployment is the period from

the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration. Average (mean) duration is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.

11. The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined in paragraphs 6 and 7.

12. The labour force participation rate for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group. Because it is not practicable to ascertain the birthplace of persons in institutions (who are classified as not in the labour force), labour force participation rates for persons classified by birthplace are calculated by using population estimates which exclude those in institutions.

13. Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours or more a week and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

14. Hours of work. The figures of aggregate hours and of average hours refer to actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, injury, accident and industrial disputes; and stoppages of work due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc. When hours of work are recorded, fractions of an hour are disregarded and this results in slightly lower figures than would be the case if actual time worked was recorded. Persons stood down for the whole of the survey week without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment are regarded as employed and therefore are included (working no hours) in the calculation of average hours worked. Persons stood down in the survey week for reasons other than bad weather and plant breakdown and waiting to be called back to their job are regarded as unemployed and are therefore excluded from the calculation.

15. Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories employed or unemployed, as defined in paragraphs 6 and 7. They include persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university, etc.), retired,

voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions (hospitals, gaols, sanatoria, etc.), trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the survey week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation.

MARITAL STATUS

16. In the labour force survey, persons are classified as married or not married. The former category includes persons who are separated, while the latter category includes persons who, at the time of the survey, had never married, or were widowed, or divorced. However, the marital status to which a person is assigned depends upon the information given by the respondent, and does not necessarily reflect legal status.

CLASSIFICATION OF INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION

17. Industry is classified according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) 1978 (1201.0 and 1202.0) and occupation according to the Classification and Classified List of Occupations, Revised June 1976.

POPULATION BENCHMARKS

18. The population survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to conform to the independently estimated distribution of the population aged 15 and over by age and sex. These independent estimates (benchmarks) are necessarily derived from incomplete information about population changes (deaths, internal and overseas migration) and can differ from estimates of the population subsequently published by the ABS. For estimates of the population and other demographic statistics reference should be made to Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly (3101.0).

REVISION OF SERIES

19. The survey estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months are based on population estimates derived from the 1976 Population Census, adjusted for under-enumeration, and were obtained by using a new sample and revised questionnaire. Estimates from August 1966, revised to the new basis, were published in The Labour Force, Australia, 1978 (6204.0).

COMPARABILITY OF SERIES

20. When comparing labour force estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months with those for earlier periods it should be noted that with the introduction of monthly surveys the interviews are now conducted during a two-week period, whereas formerly the period was four weeks. The change of timing may affect the level of the figures for any month, but particularly for months during which the employment status of the population may be changing rapidly.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

21. Estimates in this publication are subject to two sources of error:

- (a) sampling error: since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. More information on this topic is given in the Technical Notes.
- (b) non-sampling error: inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers and errors made in the coding and processing of data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN POPULATION CENSUS AND POPULATION SURVEY ESTIMATES

22. The results of the 1976 Population Census show that labour force figures derived from the census differ from estimates derived from the population surveys of May and August 1976.

23. The labour force definition used in the population census is similar to that used in the survey: see paragraphs 5 to 14. However, evidence from census post-enumeration surveys indicates that the personal interview approach, as used in the population survey, tends to identify a larger number of persons as being in the labour force than does the filling in of the questions on the

census schedule by the householder. In addition, the post-enumeration survey following the 1976 Population Census showed an under-enumeration of the population of 1.35 per cent for South Australia. It has not been possible to adjust the published census labour force figures for any under-enumeration.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

24. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Unemployment, Australia (Preliminary Estimates)
(6201.0) - issued monthly

The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary) (6202.0)
- issued monthly

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) - issued monthly

The Labour Force, Australia, 1980 (6204.0)

Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey, December 1981 (6232.0)

Information Paper: Review of ABS Employment Statistics (6239.0)

25. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications, Australia (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Publications Advice (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 4 of the Technical Notes (pages 21-2).

26. Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1 - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER : EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia

Month	Employed	Unemployed			Labour Force	Not In Labour Force	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Unemployment Rate (a)	Participation Rate (b)
		Looking for		Total					
		Full-time	Part-time						
		Work	Work						
							'000	per cent	
MALES									
1981 -									
Apr.	355.1	23.4	*	25.1	380.3	110.0	490.3	6.6	77.6
May	353.4	24.1	*	26.0	379.5	111.1	490.6	6.9	77.4
June	351.9	23.9	*	25.1	377.0	113.9	490.8	6.7	76.8
July	353.6	25.6	*	27.2	380.9	110.4	491.2	7.1	77.5
Aug.	351.8	27.2	*	27.9	379.7	112.0	491.7	7.3	77.2
Sept.	356.8	26.9	*	27.8	384.6	107.6	492.2	7.2	78.1
Oct.	351.7	25.8	*	27.3	379.0	113.5	492.5	7.2	76.9
Nov.	353.1	26.0	*	27.1	380.1	113.2	493.4	7.1	77.1
Dec.	355.9	27.0	*	29.4	385.2	108.7	493.9	7.6	78.0
1982 -									
Jan.	356.3	25.7	*	27.0	383.3	111.0	494.3	7.1	77.5
Feb.	358.0	26.5	*	28.0	386.0	108.9	494.9	7.2	78.0
Mar.	358.4	23.3	2.5	25.8	384.2	111.3	495.5	6.7	77.5
Apr.	353.4	23.3	*	25.0	378.4	117.6	496.1	6.6	76.3
May	350.9	24.2	*	25.4	376.3	120.3	496.7	6.7	75.8
MARRIED FEMALES									
1981 -									
Apr.	130.7	5.0	2.6	7.7	138.4	179.6	318.0	5.5	43.5
May	128.7	4.2	2.7	6.9	135.6	181.5	317.1	5.1	42.8
June	128.9	4.3	*	6.7	135.6	181.9	317.5	4.9	42.7
July	130.4	4.9	*	7.0	137.4	182.7	320.2	5.1	42.9
Aug.	128.6	4.1	*	6.6	135.2	181.6	316.8	4.8	42.7
Sept.	131.6	4.2	*	6.5	138.2	181.2	319.3	4.7	43.3
Oct.	128.9	4.6	3.4	8.0	136.9	182.9	319.8	5.9	42.8
Nov.	132.0	4.3	2.8	7.1	139.1	182.3	321.4	5.1	43.3
Dec.	131.1	3.8	2.7	6.5	137.6	181.8	319.4	4.8	43.1
1982 -									
Jan.	124.6	3.3	3.1	6.4	131.0	191.2	322.3	4.9	40.7
Feb.	128.7	4.9	3.4	8.3	137.0	184.1	321.1	6.0	42.7
Mar.	133.1	5.2	2.8	8.0	141.1	179.6	320.7	5.7	44.0
Apr.	131.6	3.4	2.9	6.4	137.9	182.8	320.7	4.6	43.0
May	131.4	4.4	2.9	7.3	138.7	184.0	322.7	5.3	43.0

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(b) Labour force participation rate for any group is the civilian labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

TABLE 1 - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER : EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS
SOUTH AUSTRALIA (continued)

Month	Employed	Unemployed			Labour Force	Not in Labour Force	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Unemployment Rate (a)	Participation Rate (b)
		Looking for		Total					
		Full-time	Part-time						
		Work	Work						
		'000			per cent				
ALL FEMALES									
1981 -									
Apr.	208.8	17.2	4.2	21.4	230.2	273.9	504.1	9.3	45.7
May	207.9	16.2	4.4	20.6	228.5	275.6	504.1	9.0	45.3
June	207.7	15.3	3.9	19.2	226.9	277.2	504.1	8.5	45.0
July	204.4	17.3	4.3	21.6	226.0	278.1	504.2	9.6	44.8
Aug.	204.4	16.7	3.7	20.4	224.8	279.5	504.3	9.1	44.6
Sept.	210.1	15.7	4.3	19.9	230.0	274.6	504.6	8.7	45.6
Oct.	207.7	16.5	5.4	21.9	229.7	275.2	504.9	9.5	45.5
Nov.	210.9	13.8	4.9	18.7	229.7	275.8	505.4	8.2	45.4
Dec.	213.7	15.3	5.1	20.4	234.0	271.8	505.8	8.7	46.3
1982 -									
Jan.	202.0	16.9	5.2	22.0	224.1	282.1	506.2	9.8	44.3
Feb.	207.7	17.3	5.5	22.8	230.5	276.1	506.6	9.9	45.5
Mar.	212.8	16.4	4.8	21.1	233.9	273.2	507.1	9.0	46.1
Apr.	210.2	15.4	4.5	19.9	230.1	277.3	507.5	8.6	45.4
May	209.8	16.8	4.9	21.7	231.5	276.9	508.5	9.4	45.5
PERSONS									
1981 -									
Apr.	564.0	40.6	6.0	46.5	610.5	383.9	994.4	7.6	61.4
May	561.3	40.3	6.3	46.6	607.9	386.7	994.6	7.7	61.1
June	559.6	39.2	5.1	44.3	603.9	391.0	994.9	7.3	60.7
July	558.1	43.0	5.9	48.8	606.9	388.5	995.4	8.0	61.0
Aug.	556.3	43.9	4.3	48.3	604.5	391.4	996.0	8.0	60.7
Sept.	566.8	42.6	5.1	47.7	614.6	382.2	996.8	7.8	61.7
Oct.	559.4	42.3	6.9	49.2	608.6	388.8	997.4	8.1	61.0
Nov.	564.0	39.9	5.9	45.8	609.8	389.0	998.8	7.5	61.1
Dec.	569.5	42.3	7.4	49.8	619.3	380.4	999.7	8.0	61.9
1982 -									
Jan.	558.3	42.6	6.5	49.1	607.3	393.1	1,000.5	8.1	60.7
Feb.	565.7	43.8	7.0	50.8	616.5	385.0	1,001.5	8.2	61.6
Mar.	571.2	39.7	7.3	46.9	618.1	384.5	1,002.6	7.6	61.7
Apr.	563.7	38.6	6.3	44.9	608.6	395.0	1,003.5	7.4	60.6
May	560.7	41.0	6.1	47.1	607.8	397.3	1,005.1	7.8	60.5

(a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

(b) Labour force participation rate for any group is the civilian labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

TABLE 2 - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER : EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS
ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION

LABOUR STATISTICS DIVISION							
Month	Employed	Unemployed	Labour Force	Not in Labour Force	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Unemployment Rate (a)	Participation Rate (b)
	'000					per cent	
MALES							
1981 -							
Apr.	246.8	20.1	266.8	85.8	352.6	7.5	75.7
May	244.8	21.8	266.6	86.2	352.8	8.2	75.6
June	245.2	20.0	265.2	87.7	353.0	7.5	75.1
July	247.7	21.3	269.0	84.2	353.1	7.9	76.2
Aug.	245.7	21.9	267.6	85.7	353.3	8.2	75.7
Sept.	249.4	20.8	270.2	83.3	353.5	7.7	76.4
Oct.	244.2	21.2	265.4	88.3	353.7	8.0	75.0
Nov.	245.4	20.9	266.3	87.8	354.2	7.9	75.2
Dec.	248.6	23.4	272.0	82.5	354.5	8.6	76.7
1982 -							
Jan.	247.9	22.3	270.2	84.4	354.6	8.3	76.2
Feb.	250.2	22.1	272.3	82.6	354.9	8.1	76.7
Mar.	249.5	21.2	270.7	84.6	355.3	7.8	76.2
Apr.	246.7	19.1	265.8	89.7	355.6	7.2	74.8
May	245.5	18.9	264.4	91.5	356.0	7.1	74.3
MARRIED FEMALES							
1981 -							
Apr.	95.3	6.3	101.6	124.2	225.8	6.2	45.0
May	92.6	4.8	97.4	127.8	225.2	4.9	43.3
June	92.3	5.2	97.5	127.9	225.4	5.4	43.3
July	93.9	5.6	99.5	128.4	227.9	5.6	43.7
Aug.	93.0	5.2	98.2	127.1	225.3	5.3	43.6
Sept.	94.1	5.3	99.3	128.0	227.4	5.3	43.7
Oct.	92.5	5.8	98.3	130.3	228.6	5.9	43.0
Nov.	93.7	5.5	99.1	130.7	229.8	5.5	43.1
Dec.	91.8	5.4	97.2	130.4	227.6	5.6	42.7
1982 -							
Jan.	87.4	5.1	92.4	136.4	228.9	5.5	40.4
Feb.	90.1	6.3	96.5	131.8	228.3	6.6	42.3
Mar.	93.0	7.0	100.0	128.4	228.4	7.0	43.8
Apr.	93.4	5.1	98.5	130.1	228.6	5.1	43.1
May	94.3	5.9	100.3	129.8	230.1	5.9	43.6

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TABLE 2 - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER : EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS
ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION (continued)

ADELTA STATISTICAL DIVISION (continued)							
				Not in	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Unemployment Rate (a)	Participation Rate (b)
Month	Employed	Unemployed	Labour Force	Labour Force			
	'000					per cent	
ALL FEMALES							
1982 -							
Apr.	157.0	17.3	174.3	200.4	374.7	9.9	46.5
May	153.9	16.0	170.0	204.7	374.6	9.4	45.4
June	154.0	15.4	169.4	205.2	374.5	9.1	45.2
July	152.3	16.9	169.3	205.3	374.5	10.0	45.2
Aug.	152.6	16.3	168.8	205.6	374.4	9.6	45.1
Sept.	157.2	15.6	172.8	201.8	374.6	9.1	46.1
Oct.	154.6	16.2	170.8	204.0	374.8	9.5	45.6
Nov.	155.9	15.5	171.3	203.7	375.0	9.0	45.7
Dec.	157.2	17.1	174.3	201.0	375.3	9.8	46.5
1982 -							
Jan.	148.9	18.1	167.0	208.4	375.4	10.8	44.5
Feb.	153.1	18.5	171.5	204.0	375.6	10.8	45.7
Mar.	155.7	18.1	173.8	202.0	375.8	10.4	46.2
Apr.	154.2	16.0	170.2	205.8	376.0	9.4	45.3
May	156.0	17.8	173.9	202.9	376.8	10.3	46.1
PERSONS							
1981 -							
Apr.	403.8	37.3	441.1	286.2	727.3	8.5	60.7
May	398.8	37.8	436.6	290.9	727.5	8.7	60.0
June	399.2	35.4	434.6	292.9	727.5	8.1	59.7
July	400.0	38.2	438.2	289.4	727.7	8.7	60.2
Aug.	398.2	38.2	436.4	291.3	727.7	8.7	60.0
Sept.	406.6	36.5	443.1	285.1	728.1	8.2	60.8
Oct.	398.7	37.4	436.1	292.3	728.5	8.6	59.9
Nov.	401.2	36.4	437.7	291.5	729.2	8.3	60.0
Dec.	405.9	40.5	446.4	283.4	729.8	9.1	61.2
1982 -							
Jan.	396.8	40.4	437.2	292.7	730.0	9.2	59.9
Feb.	403.3	40.6	443.9	286.6	730.5	9.1	60.8
Mar.	405.3	39.2	444.5	286.6	731.1	8.8	60.8
Apr.	400.9	35.1	436.0	295.6	731.6	8.1	59.6
May	401.6	36.7	438.3	294.4	732.8	8.4	59.8

(a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

(b) Labour force participation rate for any group is the civilian labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

TABLE 3 - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE AND PARTICIPATION RATES : AGE GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Month	Labour Force (Age Group)					Participation Rate (Age Group)(a)				
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 &	Total	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 &	Total
				Over					Over	
'000					per cent					
MALES										
1981 -										
Mar.	40.1	54.3	100.8	185.8	381.0	66.6	93.6	96.2	69.7	77.8
Apr.	39.1	54.3	100.6	186.3	380.3	64.9	93.3	95.9	69.8	77.6
May	39.5	54.1	100.0	185.9	379.5	65.8	92.9	95.4	69.5	77.4
Aug.	37.5	54.0	100.0	188.1	379.7	63.1	92.5	95.5	69.9	77.2
Nov.	36.6	53.9	100.2	189.4	380.1	61.9	91.8	95.7	70.0	77.1
Dec.	41.6	55.0	100.5	188.1	385.2	70.6	93.6	95.9	69.3	78.0
1982 -										
Jan.	42.1	55.0	99.3	186.9	383.3	71.7	93.5	94.7	68.8	77.5
Feb.	41.8	55.4	100.3	188.5	386.0	71.3	94.0	95.6	69.2	78.0
Mar.	41.3	54.4	101.2	187.3	384.2	70.6	92.2	96.5	68.6	77.5
Apr.	38.9	54.8	99.9	184.8	378.4	66.6	92.8	95.2	67.5	76.3
May	39.3	53.7	99.7	183.6	376.3	67.6	90.7	94.8	67.0	75.8
FEMALES										
1981 -										
Mar.	40.3	42.1	58.1	91.9	232.3	71.2	73.6	55.6	32.2	46.1
Apr.	39.2	41.4	56.7	92.9	230.2	69.5	72.5	54.3	32.5	45.7
May	38.8	42.6	55.2	91.9	228.5	69.0	74.7	52.9	32.1	45.3
Aug.	35.5	39.4	55.6	94.3	224.8	63.6	69.5	53.5	32.8	44.6
Nov.	36.1	41.7	56.3	95.6	229.7	65.1	73.4	54.2	33.0	45.4
Dec.	39.7	41.1	56.3	97.0	234.0	71.7	72.4	54.2	33.5	46.3
1982 -										
Jan.	40.0	39.7	51.9	92.4	224.1	72.5	69.9	50.0	31.8	44.3
Feb.	38.5	39.8	55.8	96.4	230.5	69.9	70.0	53.8	33.2	45.5
Mar.	36.5	40.8	56.8	99.9	233.9	66.3	71.7	54.7	34.3	46.1
Apr.	36.0	40.2	56.4	97.5	230.1	65.7	70.8	54.4	33.4	45.4
May	38.1	39.9	56.2	97.3	231.5	69.5	70.0	54.1	33.2	45.5
PERSONS										
1981 -										
Mar.	80.4	96.3	158.9	277.6	613.3	68.8	83.7	75.9	50.3	61.7
Apr.	78.3	95.7	157.3	279.2	610.5	67.1	83.0	75.1	50.5	61.4
May	78.3	96.7	155.2	277.7	607.9	67.4	83.9	74.2	50.1	61.1
Aug.	73.0	93.5	155.6	282.4	604.5	63.3	81.2	74.6	50.7	60.7
Nov.	72.7	95.6	156.5	285.0	609.8	63.4	82.8	75.0	50.9	61.1
Dec.	81.3	96.2	156.8	285.0	619.3	71.1	83.2	75.2	50.8	61.9
1982 -										
Jan.	82.2	94.7	151.2	279.4	607.3	72.1	81.9	72.5	49.7	60.7
Feb.	80.3	95.1	156.1	285.0	616.5	70.6	82.2	74.8	50.6	61.6
Mar.	77.8	95.2	158.0	287.2	618.1	68.5	82.1	75.7	50.9	61.7
Apr.	74.9	95.1	156.3	282.3	608.6	66.1	82.0	74.9	49.9	60.6
May	77.4	93.6	155.9	280.9	607.8	68.5	80.5	74.6	49.6	60.5

(a) Labour force participation rate for any group is the civilian labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

TABLE 4 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
('000)

Month	Wage and Salary Earners			Other (a)			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1981 -									
Feb.	292.2	176.3	468.5	64.1	27.7	91.8	356.3	204.0	560.2
May	285.8	178.3	464.2	67.6	29.6	97.2	353.4	207.9	561.3
Aug.	284.4	172.4	456.8	67.5	32.0	99.5	351.8	204.4	556.3
Nov.	287.0	180.6	467.6	66.1	30.3	96.4	353.1	210.9	564.0
1982 -									
Feb.	290.9	178.5	469.5	67.1	29.1	96.2	358.0	207.7	565.7
May	285.7	182.4	468.1	65.3	27.4	92.6	350.9	209.8	560.7

(a) Includes employers, the self-employed and unpaid family helpers who worked 15 hours or more a week in a family business or farm.

TABLE 5 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, MARITAL STATUS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
('000)

Month	Males		Married Females		All Females		Persons	
	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time
1981 -								
Apr.	337.4	17.8	66.7	64.0	127.2	81.6	464.6	99.3
May	332.1	21.4	65.3	63.5	125.3	82.6	457.4	104.0
June	335.0	16.8	63.1	65.8	124.0	83.7	459.1	100.5
July	335.3	18.3	65.4	65.0	121.5	82.9	456.8	101.3
Aug.	333.9	17.9	64.2	64.4	123.7	80.7	457.6	98.6
Sept.	337.7	19.0	66.6	65.1	127.8	82.3	465.5	101.3
Oct.	333.4	18.3	64.5	64.4	123.8	83.9	457.2	102.2
Nov.	335.4	17.6	63.5	68.5	123.4	87.6	458.8	105.2
Dec.	338.2	17.7	66.3	64.8	129.4	84.3	467.5	102.0
1982 -								
Jan.	338.9	17.4	66.1	58.5	127.4	74.6	466.3	92.0
Feb.	340.2	17.8	63.8	64.9	124.7	83.0	464.9	100.8
Mar.	338.4	20.0	65.2	67.9	125.5	87.3	463.9	107.3
Apr.	331.4	22.0	65.3	66.2	124.8	85.4	456.2	107.4
May	329.3	21.6	66.8	64.6	124.4	85.4	453.7	107.0

TABLE 6 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, AGE GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
(1000)

Month	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19 YEARS									
1981 -									
Apr.	27.5	20.7	48.2	5.5	9.2	14.7	33.0	30.0	62.9
May	26.3	20.3	46.6	6.1	10.7	16.8	32.4	31.0	63.4
June	27.2	20.7	47.9	5.3	9.2	14.5	32.5	29.9	62.4
July	26.8	18.0	44.8	5.1	9.8	14.9	32.0	27.8	59.7
Aug.	25.6	19.2	44.8	5.2	7.7	12.9	30.9	26.9	57.8
Sept.	26.5	20.5	47.0	5.9	9.5	15.4	32.4	30.0	62.4
Oct.	25.0	20.0	45.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	30.0	30.0	60.0
Nov.	24.7	19.8	44.5	5.0	10.2	15.2	29.8	30.0	59.8
Dec.	26.5	20.9	47.5	5.7	10.1	15.8	32.2	31.0	63.2
1982 -									
Jan.	28.0	21.6	49.5	5.5	8.7	14.2	33.5	30.2	63.7
Feb.	29.6	19.6	49.1	4.8	9.8	14.6	34.4	29.3	63.7
Mar.	27.6	19.9	47.5	6.4	9.1	15.5	34.1	28.9	63.0
Apr.	28.0	19.2	47.2	5.3	9.2	14.5	33.4	28.3	61.7
May	27.5	19.2	46.7	5.5	9.9	15.4	33.0	29.1	62.1
20-24 YEARS									
1981 -									
Apr.	44.9	30.6	75.6	2.7	6.2	8.9	47.6	36.9	84.5
May	44.0	30.2	74.2	3.9	6.8	10.7	47.9	37.1	85.0
June	44.0	31.2	75.2	3.2	6.1	9.3	47.2	37.3	84.5
July	43.9	30.3	74.2	3.2	5.5	8.6	47.1	35.8	82.8
Aug.	44.5	29.0	73.5	3.2	6.6	9.8	47.8	35.5	83.3
Sept.	45.7	30.5	76.2	3.0	6.0	9.0	48.7	36.6	85.2
Oct.	46.4	30.4	76.8	2.6	6.3	8.9	49.0	36.8	85.7
Nov.	45.3	30.8	76.1	2.8	6.8	9.6	48.1	37.6	85.7
Dec.	46.5	31.5	77.9	*	6.3	8.5	48.7	37.7	86.4
1982 -									
Jan.	48.4	30.9	79.3	*	4.4	6.0	50.0	35.3	85.3
Feb.	47.6	29.7	77.3	*	5.9	7.6	49.3	35.7	85.0
Mar.	47.3	29.2	76.5	2.6	6.9	9.5	49.9	36.2	86.0
Apr.	45.9	28.6	74.5	3.2	6.7	10.0	49.2	35.3	84.5
May	44.3	28.2	72.5	3.5	6.7	10.2	47.9	34.8	82.7

TABLE 6 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, AGE GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA (continued)
(1000)

Month	Full-time			Part-time			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
25-34 YEARS									
1981 -									
Apr.	92.7	31.0	123.7	*	22.8	24.7	94.7	53.8	148.5
May	91.3	30.6	121.9	*	20.7	23.0	93.7	51.2	144.9
June	91.9	29.8	121.8	*	21.8	23.3	93.4	51.6	145.1
July	92.0	29.4	121.4	*	21.2	23.6	94.4	50.6	144.9
Aug.	92.0	30.6	122.6	*	20.7	22.8	94.1	51.3	145.4
Sept.	91.8	31.7	123.5	*	22.0	24.3	94.1	53.7	147.8
Oct.	90.9	28.7	119.6	3.1	22.5	25.5	94.0	51.2	145.1
Nov.	92.5	29.7	122.3	*	22.6	24.9	94.8	52.4	147.2
Dec.	91.7	30.4	122.1	3.0	22.3	25.3	94.7	52.7	147.4
1982 -									
Jan.	91.6	29.7	121.3	*	19.2	21.6	94.0	48.9	142.9
Feb.	90.4	30.8	121.2	3.0	20.7	23.8	93.4	51.5	144.9
Mar.	90.6	30.2	120.8	3.4	21.7	25.1	93.9	51.9	145.9
Apr.	88.4	31.4	119.8	4.1	20.7	24.8	92.5	52.1	144.6
May	88.6	30.6	119.1	4.1	21.4	25.5	92.6	52.0	144.6
35 YEARS & OVER									
1981 -									
Apr.	172.2	44.8	217.1	7.7	43.3	51.0	179.9	88.2	268.1
May	170.4	44.2	214.7	9.0	44.4	53.5	179.5	88.6	268.1
June	171.8	42.3	214.2	6.9	46.6	53.4	178.7	88.9	267.6
July	172.6	43.9	216.5	7.7	46.4	54.1	180.2	90.3	270.6
Aug.	171.8	44.9	216.7	7.3	45.7	53.1	179.1	90.6	269.8
Sept.	173.7	45.1	218.7	7.9	44.8	52.7	181.5	89.9	271.4
Oct.	171.1	44.6	215.7	7.7	45.1	52.8	178.8	89.8	268.6
Nov.	172.9	43.0	215.9	7.5	48.0	55.5	180.4	90.9	271.3
Dec.	173.5	46.6	220.1	6.8	45.7	52.4	180.3	92.2	272.5
1982 -									
Jan.	171.0	45.2	216.2	7.9	42.4	50.2	178.9	87.6	266.4
Feb.	172.7	44.6	217.2	8.3	46.5	54.8	180.9	91.1	272.0
Mar.	172.9	46.2	219.1	7.7	49.6	57.2	180.6	95.7	276.3
Apr.	169.1	45.7	214.7	9.4	48.8	58.1	178.4	94.4	272.9
May	168.9	46.5	215.4	8.5	47.4	55.9	177.4	93.9	271.3

TABLE 7 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : OCCUPATION GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
(1'000)

Month	Professional, Technical & Related Workers	Administrative, Executive & Managerial	Clerical	Sales	Farmers, Fishermen & Timbergetters etc.	Transport & Communication	Tradesmen, Production- Process Workers & Labourers n.e.c.	Service Sport & Recreation	Total (a)
MALES									
1981 -									
Feb.	39.3	30.4	29.6	23.3	40.4	23.9	146.6	21.0	356.3
May	38.7	28.5	28.6	25.9	40.6	23.8	146.1	19.4	353.4
Aug.	39.0	27.3	27.7	24.5	40.6	23.5	149.1	17.7	351.8
Nov.	43.0	26.7	27.4	23.1	38.1	24.7	150.2	17.1	353.1
1982 -									
Feb.	44.8	30.1	28.0	22.0	36.2	25.9	151.6	16.8	358.0
May	43.1	27.9	27.4	24.2	37.8	24.4	145.2	19.2	350.9
FEMALES									
1981 -									
Feb.	36.0	4.1	63.3	26.1	11.6	4.0	22.6	36.1	204.0
May	34.0	6.6	64.1	27.0	11.6	3.8	22.6	38.0	207.9
Aug.	35.5	5.2	61.3	27.2	14.1	3.5	19.9	37.7	204.4
Nov.	39.3	4.3	62.1	29.8	12.7	3.5	22.4	36.9	210.9
1982 -									
Feb.	40.2	3.9	65.6	26.5	12.7	2.8	19.7	36.3	207.7
May	41.1	3.2	64.5	27.6	10.9	4.4	19.0	39.1	209.8
PERSONS									
1981 -									
Feb.	75.3	34.4	92.9	49.4	52.0	28.0	169.2	57.2	560.2
May	72.8	35.0	92.8	52.9	52.2	27.6	168.7	57.4	561.3
Aug.	74.6	32.5	88.9	51.6	54.6	26.9	169.0	55.4	556.3
Nov.	82.3	31.0	89.5	52.9	50.8	28.2	172.6	54.0	564.0
1982 -									
Feb.	84.9	34.0	93.7	48.5	48.9	28.7	171.3	53.1	565.7
May	84.2	31.0	91.9	51.8	48.8	28.8	164.2	58.3	560.7

(a) Includes miners and quarrymen and related workers.

TABLE 8 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : INDUSTRY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
('000)

Month	Agriculture & Services to Agriculture	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Transport & Storage	Finance, Property & Business Services	Community Services (a)	Recreation, Personal and Other Services	Other Industries (b)	Total
MALES										
1981 -										
Feb.	34.0	91.3	31.8	65.7	21.1	22.4	36.6	15.0	38.2	356.3
May	35.0	86.2	34.3	62.6	22.0	20.0	38.2	14.6	40.4	353.4
Aug.	34.8	87.8	32.4	62.6	23.2	20.9	37.1	11.8	41.3	351.8
Nov.	31.2	89.9	31.8	63.5	24.0	21.2	39.0	11.5	41.0	353.1
1982 -										
Feb.	29.7	95.1	32.5	63.8	23.5	23.6	34.9	15.0	40.1	358.0
May	32.3	92.7	29.8	63.6	24.8	24.1	35.1	14.4	34.1	350.9
FEMALES										
1981 -										
Feb.	11.7	28.4	4.0	49.2	3.5	16.8	58.7	20.9	10.8	204.0
May	11.7	27.7	4.3	51.7	4.2	16.9	60.4	21.2	9.9	207.9
Aug.	13.2	24.9	3.8	49.9	4.6	17.2	63.6	18.6	8.8	204.4
Nov.	11.9	25.9	3.1	53.2	3.9	19.2	66.3	19.2	8.4	210.9
1982 -										
Feb.	12.1	26.5	*	50.3	3.2	19.4	65.8	19.1	9.0	207.7
May	10.4	24.4	2.8	50.4	2.9	18.7	69.5	19.8	10.9	209.8
PERSONS										
1981 -										
Feb.	45.7	119.7	35.8	115.0	24.7	39.2	95.3	35.9	49.0	560.2
May	46.7	113.9	38.6	114.3	26.2	36.9	98.6	35.8	50.3	561.3
Aug.	47.9	112.7	36.2	112.5	27.7	38.1	100.7	30.4	50.0	556.3
Nov.	43.1	115.8	34.9	116.7	27.8	40.4	105.2	30.7	49.3	564.0
1982 -										
Feb.	41.7	121.6	34.8	114.1	26.7	43.0	100.7	34.0	49.1	565.7
May	42.8	117.0	32.5	114.1	27.7	42.9	104.6	34.2	44.9	560.7

(a) Comprises health; education, libraries etc.; welfare and religious institutions; other community services.

(b) Comprises mining; forestry, fishing and hunting; electricity, gas and water; communication; public administration and defence.

TABLE 9 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : INDUSTRY, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA
(hours)

Month	Agriculture & Services to Agriculture	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Transport & Storage	Finance, Property & Business Services	Community Services (a)	Recreation, Personal and Other Services	Other Industries (b)	Total
MALES										
1981 -										
Feb.	44.2	39.6	37.5	40.4	38.9	38.2	36.6	38.8	35.8	39.1
May	50.2	39.0	39.9	40.7	40.5	38.1	39.0	36.4	36.7	40.2
Aug.	48.5	38.7	38.6	42.7	40.5	38.9	40.6	37.4	37.4	40.5
Nov.	54.1	39.7	38.7	42.1	41.2	38.0	40.3	42.9	36.8	41.1
1982 -										
Feb.	41.7	37.0	35.6	39.2	37.8	36.4	36.4	39.7	32.0	37.1
May	52.7	38.9	40.6	41.0	38.7	37.9	39.4	40.8	36.7	40.5
FEMALES										
1981 -										
Feb.	24.2	33.6	21.6	27.7	31.7	30.1	27.0	26.8	31.4	28.4
May	26.1	33.2	22.0	29.2	32.8	30.6	28.1	25.4	31.3	29.0
Aug.	28.2	33.1	19.2	28.2	30.6	30.5	29.4	25.2	32.7	29.2
Nov.	28.2	34.3	16.5	28.0	30.6	29.1	29.3	24.9	33.2	29.1
1982 -										
Feb.	25.8	30.2	17.3	25.3	26.6	24.7	25.6	25.5	27.0	26.0
May	25.8	33.9	17.4	28.4	26.6	27.5	28.7	24.9	32.0	28.6
PERSONS										
1981 -										
Feb.	39.1	38.2	35.7	35.0	37.8	34.8	30.7	31.8	34.8	35.2
May	44.2	37.6	37.9	35.5	39.3	34.7	32.3	29.9	35.6	36.0
Aug.	42.9	37.5	36.6	36.2	38.9	35.1	33.5	30.0	36.1	36.3
Nov.	47.0	38.5	36.7	35.7	39.7	33.8	33.4	31.6	36.2	36.6
1982 -										
Feb.	37.1	35.5	34.4	33.1	36.4	31.1	29.3	31.7	31.1	33.1
May	46.1	37.9	38.6	35.4	37.4	33.4	32.3	31.6	35.6	36.1

(a) Comprises health; education, libraries etc.; welfare and religious institutions; other community services.

(b) Comprises mining; forestry, fishing and hunting; electricity, gas and water; communication; public administration and defence.

TABLE 10 - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : AGE GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Month	Unemployed (Age Group)					Unemployment Rate (Age Group)(a)				
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 &	Total	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 &	Total
				Over					Over	
				'000					per cent	
MALES										
1981 -										
Mar.	6.4	5.4	5.1	6.0	22.9	16.0	9.9	5.1	3.2	6.0
Apr.	6.1	6.7	5.9	6.4	25.1	15.6	12.4	5.9	3.4	6.6
May	7.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	26.0	18.0	11.5	6.3	3.5	6.9
Aug.	6.7	6.3	5.9	9.0	27.9	17.8	11.6	5.9	4.8	7.3
Nov.	6.8	5.8	5.4	9.0	27.1	18.7	10.8	5.4	4.8	7.1
Dec.	9.4	6.4	5.8	7.8	29.4	22.6	11.6	5.8	4.1	7.6
1982 -										
Jan.	8.7	5.0	5.3	8.1	27.0	20.5	9.1	5.4	4.3	7.1
Feb.	7.4	6.1	6.9	7.6	28.0	17.6	11.0	6.9	4.0	7.2
Mar.	7.3	4.6	7.3	6.7	25.8	17.6	8.4	7.2	3.6	6.7
Apr.	5.5	5.7	7.4	6.4	25.0	14.2	10.4	7.4	3.4	6.6
May	6.2	5.8	7.1	6.2	25.4	15.9	10.9	7.1	3.4	6.7
FEMALES										
1981 -										
Mar.	9.9	4.0	3.6	4.6	22.1	24.6	9.5	6.1	5.0	9.5
Apr.	9.2	4.6	2.9	4.7	21.4	23.6	11.0	5.2	5.0	9.3
May	7.9	5.5	4.0	3.2	20.6	20.3	13.0	7.2	3.5	9.0
Aug.	8.6	3.9	4.3	3.6	20.4	24.2	9.9	7.7	3.8	9.1
Nov.	6.1	4.1	3.9	4.6	18.7	16.9	9.8	7.0	4.9	8.2
Dec.	8.6	3.4	3.6	4.8	20.4	21.7	8.2	6.4	4.9	8.7
1982 -										
Jan.	9.8	4.4	3.0	4.9	22.0	24.4	11.1	5.8	5.3	9.8
Feb.	9.1	4.1	4.3	5.3	22.8	23.8	10.3	7.6	5.5	9.9
Mar.	7.5	4.6	4.9	4.2	21.1	20.6	11.3	8.5	4.2	9.0
Apr.	7.7	4.9	4.3	3.0	19.9	21.3	12.2	7.6	3.1	8.6
May	9.0	5.1	4.3	3.4	21.7	23.6	12.7	7.6	3.5	9.4
PERSONS										
1981 -										
Mar.	16.3	9.4	8.7	10.6	45.0	20.3	9.7	5.5	3.8	7.3
Apr.	15.3	11.3	8.9	11.1	46.5	19.6	11.8	5.6	4.0	7.6
May	15.0	11.7	10.3	9.6	46.6	19.1	12.1	6.6	3.5	7.7
Aug.	15.3	10.2	10.2	12.6	48.3	20.9	10.9	6.6	4.5	8.0
Nov.	12.9	9.9	9.3	13.6	45.8	17.8	10.4	6.0	4.8	7.5
Dec.	18.0	9.8	9.4	12.6	49.8	22.2	10.2	6.0	4.4	8.0
1982 -										
Jan.	18.4	9.4	8.3	12.9	49.1	22.4	9.9	5.5	4.6	8.1
Feb.	16.5	10.2	11.2	12.9	50.8	20.6	10.7	7.1	4.5	8.2
Mar.	14.8	9.2	12.1	10.9	46.9	19.0	9.6	7.7	3.8	7.6
Apr.	13.2	10.6	11.7	9.4	44.9	17.6	11.1	7.5	3.3	7.4
May	15.2	10.9	11.3	9.6	47.1	19.7	11.7	7.3	3.4	7.8

(a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

TABLE 11 - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : BIRTHPLACE, NUMBER AND RATE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Month	Unemployed			Unemployment Rate (a)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	'000			per cent		
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA						
1981 -						
Apr.	9.0	6.0	15.0	8.2	9.4	8.7
May	8.8	5.1	13.8	7.9	8.2	8.0
June	9.8	4.7	14.5	9.1	7.8	8.6
July	12.1	5.2	17.3	10.9	8.6	10.1
Aug.	10.9	5.6	16.4	9.4	8.9	9.2
Sept.	9.7	5.7	15.4	8.5	9.0	8.7
Oct.	9.6	6.2	15.9	8.6	10.1	9.1
Nov.	9.6	5.6	15.1	8.4	8.9	8.6
Dec.	8.7	6.0	14.7	7.6	9.3	8.2
1982 -						
Jan.	8.2	5.5	13.7	7.4	9.3	8.1
Feb.	10.0	7.4	17.4	8.8	11.8	9.8
Mar.	8.8	6.7	15.5	7.8	10.9	8.9
Apr.	8.8	6.4	15.2	8.1	10.6	9.0
May	8.4	6.6	15.0	8.0	10.9	9.0
BORN IN AUSTRALIA						
1981 -						
Apr.	16.1	15.4	31.5	6.0	9.3	7.2
May	17.3	15.5	32.8	6.4	9.3	7.5
June	15.3	14.5	29.8	5.7	8.7	6.8
July	15.1	16.4	31.5	5.6	9.9	7.2
Aug.	17.0	14.8	31.8	6.4	9.2	7.5
Sept.	18.1	14.3	32.3	6.7	8.5	7.4
Oct.	17.7	15.7	33.4	6.6	9.4	7.7
Nov.	17.5	13.2	30.7	6.6	7.9	7.1
Dec.	20.7	14.4	35.1	7.6	8.5	8.0
1982 -						
Jan.	18.8	16.6	35.3	6.9	10.0	8.1
Feb.	17.9	15.5	33.4	6.6	9.2	7.6
Mar.	17.0	14.4	31.4	6.3	8.4	7.1
Apr.	16.2	13.5	29.7	6.0	7.9	6.8
May	17.0	15.1	32.1	6.3	8.9	7.3

(a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

TABLE 12 - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Month	Number Unemployed						Total	Average Duration of Unemployment
	Under 4 Weeks	4 & under 8 Weeks	8 & under 13 Weeks	13 & under 26 Weeks	26 & under 39 Weeks	39 Weeks & Over		
MALES ('000)								
1981 -								Weeks
Mar.	2.6	2.6	3.7	4.0	*	8.7	22.9	50.2
Apr.	3.6	2.9	2.6	4.8	*	9.6	25.1	47.0
May	2.9	3.0	2.5	5.6	2.5	9.4	26.0	52.0
Aug.	3.0	3.2	3.3	4.7	4.4	9.2	27.9	51.9
Nov.	3.5	*	*	5.2	3.4	10.8	27.1	52.7
Dec.	5.8	2.7	*	3.7	5.4	10.0	29.4	45.3
1982 -								
Jan.	4.1	3.8	2.6	4.3	3.4	8.9	27.0	45.5
Feb.	4.1	3.3	3.8	3.8	2.7	10.3	28.0	46.7
Mar.	3.9	*	3.2	4.1	3.3	9.2	25.8	52.7
Apr.	4.8	*	*	4.4	2.9	8.7	25.0	48.4
May	3.9	4.1	*	3.9	*	9.8	25.4	49.2
FEMALES ('000)								
1981 -								Weeks
Mar.	4.5	3.3	2.7	4.0	*	5.2	22.1	29.5
Apr.	3.6	*	3.1	4.9	*	5.5	21.4	31.9
May	3.5	*	*	4.0	2.8	5.9	20.6	36.4
Aug.	*	*	*	3.4	3.5	6.6	20.4	42.0
Nov.	2.8	*	*	3.3	2.6	5.4	18.7	38.4
Dec.	4.6	*	*	*	*	6.8	20.4	33.8
1982 -								
Jan.	4.5	5.9	*	2.7	2.6	4.7	22.0	24.8
Feb.	5.2	3.8	3.9	2.6	*	5.7	22.8	34.9
Mar.	4.2	3.2	3.5	3.4	2.6	4.2	21.1	29.3
Apr.	3.8	2.9	3.1	3.9	*	4.1	19.9	28.4
May	3.4	2.7	*	4.5	3.2	5.7	21.7	35.8
PERSONS ('000)								
1981 -								Weeks
Mar.	7.2	5.9	6.4	7.9	3.7	13.9	45.0	40.0
Apr.	7.3	5.3	5.7	9.8	3.5	15.1	46.5	40.0
May	6.5	4.9	5.0	9.6	5.3	15.3	46.6	45.1
Aug.	5.2	5.7	5.6	8.1	7.9	15.8	48.3	47.7
Nov.	6.3	4.3	4.5	8.5	6.0	16.2	45.8	46.8
Dec.	10.4	4.7	4.1	5.9	7.7	16.8	49.8	40.6
1982 -								
Jan.	8.6	9.7	4.2	7.0	6.0	13.6	49.1	36.2
Feb.	9.3	7.1	7.7	6.4	4.4	16.0	50.8	41.4
Mar.	8.1	5.3	6.7	7.5	5.9	13.4	46.9	42.2
Apr.	8.6	5.1	5.1	8.2	5.0	12.8	44.9	39.5
May	7.3	6.8	4.2	8.4	5.0	15.5	47.1	43.0

TECHNICAL NOTES

For more information on sample design, estimation procedure and reliability of the estimates, for current and earlier surveys, reference should be made to the Technical Notes in The Labour Force, Australia, 1978 (6204.0) and The Labour Force, Australia, (6203.0).

ESTIMATION PROCEDURE

2. The labour force estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

3. Standard errors of estimates and of monthly movements are shown in the tables below. A guide to the standard errors of quarterly movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in the table of standard errors of monthly movements (Table B) by 1.4. A guide to the standard errors of annual movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in the table of standard errors of estimates (Table A) by 1.4.

TABLE A - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF LEVELS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Size of Estimate	Standard Error	Relative Standard Error
2,500	510	20.4
3,000	550	18.3
3,500	590	16.9
4,000	620	15.5
4,500	650	14.4
5,000	680	13.6
6,000	730	12.2
10,000	900	9.0
20,000	1,200	6.0
50,000	1,600	3.2
100,000	2,100	2.1
200,000	2,600	1.3
300,000	2,900	1.0
500,000	3,300	0.7
600,000	3,500	0.6

TABLE B - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Size of Larger Estimate	Standard Error
2,500	490
3,000	520
3,500	540
4,000	570
4,500	590
5,000	610
6,000	650
10,000	760
20,000	930
50,000	1,200
100,000	1,400
200,000	1,700
300,000	1,900
500,000	2,100
600,000	2,200

4. As the standard errors in Table A show, the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are subject to such high relative standard errors as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. Estimates below 2,500, and percentages based on such estimates, have not been included in this publication. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable. See paragraph 6 concerning higher cut-off points for some estimates.

5. Examples of the calculations and use of standard errors are given below:

(i) From Table A it will be seen that the estimate of 350,900 employed males in May 1982 has a standard error of about 3,000, and therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 347,900 to 353,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 344,900 to 356,900.

(ii) The estimate of movement in the number of employed males from April to May 1982 is a decrease of 2,500. Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case the April 1982 estimate (353,400) is the larger. From Table B it will be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is about 2,000. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the survey the movement would have been within the range 500 to 4,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range -1,500 to 6,500.

6. The relative standard errors of estimates of average hours worked and average duration of unemployment are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A) and then multiplying the figure so obtained by the following relevant factors:

average hours worked : 0.5

average duration of unemployment : 1.5

7. Because of these higher relative standard errors, estimates of average duration of unemployment have higher cut-off points for publication than other estimates as shown in Table A.

8. It must be remembered that there is no justification for saying that the 'true' estimate is more likely to be at any one point in the range than at any other.